

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 17 and 18 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 16 as indicated below, wherein any additions to claim 16 are underlined, and any deletions to claim 16 are presented as struckthrough text.

1. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display element provided by combining two substrates with each other, each substrate being made of a plastic plate, said liquid crystal display element comprising:

a liquid crystal display section having a plurality of pixels;

a terminal section which is provided by extending one of the substrates; and

a plurality of connecting electrodes, which are positioned from an inside of the liquid crystal display section to the terminal section so as to connect the plurality of pixels to a liquid crystal driving circuit, wherein

each of the connecting electrodes provided on the terminal section has a hole section that prevents penetration of a crack which occurs substantially parallel to a width direction of the connecting electrode.

2. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 1, wherein the hole section has a plurality of holes, and the respective holes are provided in the width direction and in a length direction orthogonal to the width direction of the connecting electrode.

3. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 2, wherein the holes adjacent in the width direction of the connecting electrode are provided on a straight line whose slope is not less than  $30^{\circ}$  and not more than  $90^{\circ}$  with respect to the width direction of the connecting electrode.

4. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 1, wherein the hole section is provided from an end of the connecting electrode to a sealing section of a liquid crystal display section.

5. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 1, wherein the hole section is made up of holes in a same shape.

6. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 1, wherein the hole section is made up of holes in different shapes.

7. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 1, wherein the hole section includes holes provided in a notched shape also on ends in the width direction of the connecting electrode.

8. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 1, wherein the hole is a slot, and the slot is provided so that a length direction of the slot is diagonal with respect to a length direction of the connecting electrode.

9. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display element provided by combining two substrates with each other, each substrate being made of a plastic plate, said liquid crystal display element comprising:

a liquid crystal display section having a plurality of pixels;

a terminal section which is provided by extending one of the substrates; and

a plurality of connecting electrodes, which are positioned from an inside of the liquid crystal display section to the terminal section so as to connect the plurality of pixels to a liquid crystal driving circuit, wherein

each of the connecting electrodes provided on the terminal section has a hole section in which at least one hole is provided on respective straight lines which are parallel to each other in a width direction of the connecting electrode.

10. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 9, wherein the hole section has a plurality of holes, and the respective holes are provided in the width direction and in a length direction orthogonal to the width direction of the connecting electrode.

11. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 10, wherein the holes adjacent in the width direction of the connecting electrode are provided on a straight line whose slope is not less than  $30^{\circ}$  and not more than  $90^{\circ}$  with respect to the width direction of the connecting electrode.

12. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 9, wherein the hole section is provided from an end of the connecting electrode to a sealing section of a liquid crystal display section.

13. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 9, wherein the hole section is made up of holes in a same shape.

14. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 9, wherein the holes are provided in a notched shape also on ends in the width direction of the connecting electrode.

15. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 9, wherein a ratio of a total width of said at least one hole which is provided on respective straight lines which are parallel to each other in a width direction of the connecting electrode, to a width of the connecting electrode is more than 0 and not more than 1/10.

16. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display element provided by combining two substrates with each other, each substrate being made of a plastic plate, said liquid crystal display element comprising:

a liquid crystal display section having a plurality of pixels;

a terminal section which is provided by extending one of the substrates; and

a plurality of connecting electrodes, which are positioned from an inside of the liquid crystal display section to the terminal section so as to connect the plurality of pixels to a liquid crystal driving circuit, wherein

each of the connecting electrodes provided on the terminal section has a plurality of holes, wherein the plurality of holes are provided in a width direction and in a length direction orthogonal to the width direction of the connecting electrode such that the holes adjacent in the width direction of the connecting electrode are provided on a straight line whose slope is not less than 30° and not more than 90° with respect to the width direction of the connecting electrode.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 16, wherein the holes are provided from an end of the connecting electrode to a sealing section of a liquid crystal display section.

20. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 16, wherein the holes are provided in a same shape.

21. (Original) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 16, wherein the holes are provided in a notched shape also on ends in a width direction of the connecting electrode.

22. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 1, wherein the hole section includes a plurality of holes, and wherein at least two of the plurality of holes have a staggered arrangement.

23. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 9, wherein the hole section includes a plurality of holes, and wherein at least two of the plurality of holes have a staggered arrangement.

24. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display element set forth in claim 16, wherein at least two of the plurality of holes have a staggered arrangement.

25. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display element as set forth in claim 1, wherein the hole section includes a plurality of holes, and wherein at least two of the plurality of holes are arranged in a different arrangement, wherein the different arrangement is selected from the group consisting of (a) a different widthwise arrangement, (b) a different lengthwise arrangement, and (c) a different widthwise and different lengthwise arrangement.

26. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display element as set forth in claim 9, wherein the hole section includes a plurality of holes, and wherein at least two of the plurality of holes are arranged in a different arrangement, wherein the different arrangement is selected from the group consisting of (a) a different widthwise arrangement, (b) a different lengthwise arrangement, and (c) a different widthwise and different lengthwise arrangement.

27. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display element as set forth in claim 16, wherein at least two of the plurality of holes are arranged in a different arrangement, wherein the different arrangement is selected from the group consisting of (a) a different widthwise arrangement, (b) a different lengthwise arrangement, and (c) a different widthwise and different lengthwise arrangement.

28. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display element as set forth in claim 1, wherein the connecting electrode is a transparent electrode.

29. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display element as set forth in claim 9, wherein the connecting electrode is a transparent electrode.

30. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display element as set forth in claim 16, wherein the connecting electrode is a transparent electrode.

31. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display element as set forth in claim 1, wherein the hole section penetrates the connecting electrode.

32. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display element as set forth in claim 9, wherein the hole section penetrates the connecting electrode.

33 (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display element as set forth in claim 16, wherein at least one of the plurality of holes penetrates the connecting electrode.